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 Before the
 Federal Communications Commission
 Washington, D.C. 20554
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MM Docket No. 95-48

In the Matter of

Amendment of Section 73.606(b). RM-8590
 Table of Allotments.
 TV Broadcast Stations.
 (Weaverville, California)

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING

Adopted: April 14, 1995;

Released: April 24, 1995

Comment Date: June 15, 1995

Reply Comment Date: June 30, 1995

By the Chief, Allocations Branch:

1. Before the Commission for consideration is the petition for rule making filed by Mark C. Allen ("petitioner") seeking the allotment of UHF television Channel 32 to Weaverville, California, as that community's first local television broadcast service. Petitioner stated his intention to apply for authority to construct and operate a television broadcast station on Channel 32, if allotted to Weaverville, as requested.

2. Weaverville (population 3,370),¹ in Trinity County (population 13,063), is located approximately 269 kilometers (167 miles) northwest of Sacramento, California.

3. On July 16, 1987, the Commission instituted a temporary freeze on the filing of petitions for rule making to amend the Television Table of Allotments for certain metropolitan areas. See *Order, Advanced Television Systems and Their Impact on the Existing Television Broadcast Service*, 52 Fed. Reg. 28346, published July 29, 1987 ("freeze Order"). Weaverville is located within the prohibited co-channel distance separation of 174.5 miles (280.8 kilometers) from the Sacramento-Stockton, California, television market, one of the major market communities affected by the freeze Order. Therefore, the proposal requires a site restriction to conform with the terms of the freeze Order. Petitioner acknowledges the effect of the freeze on his proposal, and has suggested a transmitter site located beyond the affected area. Accordingly, a staff review of the proposal has determined that Channel 32 can be allotted to Weaverville consistent with the minimum distance separation requirements of Sections 73.610 and 73.698 of the Commission's Rules at the petitioner's suggested site on Granite Peak Mountain, located 20.7 kilometers (12.9 miles) north of the community at coordinates 40-54-45 and 122-52-15.

4. As petitioner's proposal to allot UHF television Channel 32 to Weaverville would provide a first local television service to that community, we seek comments on the proposal to amend the TV Table of Allotments, Section 73.606(b) of the Commission's Rules, as follows:

City	Present	Channel No.	Proposed
Weaverville, California	--		32

5. The Commission's authority to institute rule making proceedings, showings required, cut-off procedures, and filing requirements are contained in the attached Appendix and are incorporated by reference herein. In particular, we note that a showing of continuing interest is required by paragraph 2 of the Appendix before a channel will be allotted.

6. Interested parties may file comments on or before June 15, 1995, and reply comments on or before June 30, 1995, and are advised to read the Appendix for the proper procedures. Comments should be filed with the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554. Additionally, a copy of such comments should be served on the petitioner, as follows:

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7. The Commission has determined that the relevant provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to rule making proceedings to amend the TV Table of Allotments, Section 73.606(b) of the Commission's Rules. See *Certification that Sections 603 and 604 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act Do Not Apply to Rule Making to Amend Sections 73.202(b), and 73.606(b) of the Commission's Rules*, 46 FR 11549, February 9, 1981.

8. For further information concerning this proceeding, contact Nancy Joyner, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180. For purposes of this restricted notice and comment rule making proceeding, members of the public are advised that no *ex parte* presentations are permitted from the time the Commission adopts a Notice of Proposed Rule Making until the proceeding has been decided and such decision is no longer subject to reconsideration by the Commission or review by any court. An *ex parte* presentation is not prohibited if specifically requested by the Commission or staff for the clarification or adduction of evidence or resolution of issues in the proceeding. However, any new written information elicited from such a request or a summary of any new oral information shall be served by the person making the presentation upon the other parties to the proceeding unless the Commission specifically waives this service requirement. Any comment which has not been served on the petitioner constitutes an *ex parte* presentation and shall not be considered in the proceeding. Any reply comment which has not been served on the person(s) who filed the comment, to which the reply is directed, constitutes an *ex parte* presentation and shall not be considered in the proceeding.

¹ Population figures are from the 1990 U.S. Census.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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APPENDIX

1. Pursuant to authority contained in Sections 4(i), 5(c)(1), 303(g) and (r) and 307(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and Sections 0.61 0.204(b) and 0.283 of the Commission's Rules, IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, as set forth in the *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* to which this Appendix is attached.

2. *Showings Required.* Comments are invited on the proposal(s) discussed in the *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* to which this Appendix is attached. Proponent(s) will be expected to answer whatever questions are presented in initial comments. The proponent of a proposed allotment is also expected to file comments even if it only resubmits or incorporates by reference its former pleadings. It should also restate its present intention to apply for the channel if it is allotted and, if authorized, to build a station promptly. Failure to file may lead to denial of the request.

3. *Cut-off Procedures.* The following procedures will govern the consideration of filings in this proceeding.

(a) Counterproposals advanced in this proceeding itself will be considered if advanced in initial comments, so that parties may comment on them in reply comments. They will not be considered if advanced in reply comments. (See Section 1.420(d) of the Commission's Rules.)

(b) With respect to petitions for rule making which conflict with the proposal(s) in this *Notice*, they will be considered as comments in the proceeding, and Public Notice to this effect will be given as long as they are filed before the date for filing initial comments herein. If they are filed later than that, they will not be considered in connection with the decision in this docket.

(c) The filing of a counterproposal may lead the Commission to allot a different channel than was requested for any of the communities involved.

4. *Comments and Reply Comments; Service.* Pursuant to applicable procedures set out in Sections 1.415 and 1.420 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates set forth in the *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* to which this Appendix is attached. All submissions by parties to this proceeding or by persons acting on behalf of such parties must be made in written comments, reply comments, or other appropriate pleadings. Comments shall be served on the petitioner by the person filing the comments. Reply comments shall be served on the person(s) who filed comments to which the reply is directed. Such comments and reply comments shall be accompanied by a certificate

of service. (See Section 1.420(a), (b) and (c) of the Commission's Rules.) Comments should be filed with the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554.

5. *Number of Copies.* In accordance with the provisions of Section 1.420 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, an original and four copies of all comments, reply comments, pleadings, briefs, or other documents shall be furnished the Commission.

6. *Public Inspection of Filings.* All filings made in this proceeding will be available for examination by interested parties during regular business hours in the Commission's Public Reference Room at its headquarters, 1919 M Street N.W., Washington, D.C.